



COVID-19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell

Health & Family Welfare Department

Government of Kerala

ADDENDUM TO THE COVID-19 REVISED TESTING GUIDELINES NO.31/F2/2020-H&FWD, DATED 15TH AUGUST 2020.

NO.31/F2/2020 H&FWD dated 1st DECEMBER 2020

In the background of the recent COVID-19 pandemic trend it is essential that the strategies are fine tuned to address the needs for adequate prevention and control. COVID-19 testing strategy is one such area requiring attention and the following addendum is issued with this regard in reference to the COVID-19 revised testing guidelines No.31/F2/2020 Health- 15th August 2020.

No. [As per COVID-19 revised testing guidelines no.31/F2/2020 Health, dated 15th august 2020]	Category	Description	Type of test
5	Vulnerable persons in Clusters	<p>Vulnerable persons in clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elderly (more than 60yrs)- Antenatal and immediate postnatal- Children with severe malnutrition- Persons with severe comorbidity <p>Symptomatic persons among the vulnerable population in the clusters should be tested directly using RTPCR test</p>	<p>RTPCR (at the beginning of the containment period)</p> <p>RTPCR (as early as possible during the symptomatic period)</p>
17 (new)	Institutionalized Elderly	All elderly persons in old age homes and other institutions providing institutionalized care for the elderly	RTPCR (once every 3 months)



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Principal Secretary